

On the 3rd of September, twenty-nine years ago, I stood in the same spot where I am now standing. Over 350 students and 30 faculty members were standing or sitting where you are today. It was the first day of the school. What I said to them, I am going to say to you today. If you have questions or comments about what I say, I hope you will come by my office and talk about it.

I believe The Galloway School is a growing, changing and maturing community.

It is a place where we play the game of learning and not the game of school.

As long as you are willing to behave yourself and try . . . we will do everything in our power to give you the opportunity to obtain a quality education.

We want you to find out who you are and become that person. We will always respect your individual differences.

You are a part of a community that encourages rigor, mastery, creativity, love and respect.

Our goal is to help each of you to achieve a superior education, a ^{superior to what?} reasoned understanding and acceptance of yourself, and the willingness, maturity and self-discipline to manage your own learning, now and throughout your life.

We make these commitments to each of you.

1. To respect and deal with you as an individual.
2. To tell you the truth, and expect the truth of you.
3. To seek out and make available the best learning materials, and to design new materials where those available are inadequate.

4. To give you leadership, encouragement, and supervision in the conduct of your education.
5. To seek out and employ talented and intelligent teachers who accept these commitments, and to help those teachers keep well-informed and free to teach.
6. To show you as clearly as we can, what it is that you will need to learn in order to have a solid education.
7. To give you every chance to use your own initiative and responsibility.
8. To help you understand the two most important values of all:
Freedom and Responsibility

I urge all of you to become involved in the constant evaluation and development of the spiritual values of the school.

What I said in 1969 I have said again because I believe those thoughts clearly state the historical core values of Galloway School.

So now as we begin the 30th year of the school, I am grateful that each of you are here.

God● Speed and Good Luck!

Elliott Galloway
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